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For : **IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD APPARATUS AND
STORAGE MEDIUM FOR RECOGNITION OF
IRRADIATION AREA**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Kindly consider the following amendment and election in response to the May 21, 2002

Restriction Requirement.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace pending claims 21, 22, 25, and 28 with the following:

21. (Twice Amended) An image processing method comprising:

a characteristic quantity calculation step of calculating characteristic quantities of image

data;